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REAGAN: "Uncle Sam's Forest Rangers"

BUSH: QUARTET: HAWAII'S RAIN.

MURKINSON: That flood control is one of the vital problems facing the United States is a fact which has been brought home to us with tragic results in the past few weeks. It is a problem we must all face and attempt to combat. The recent floods have impressed me vividly with the importance used for our positive action in the immediate future.

During the flood disasters in the Ohio and Mississippi valleys, Uncle Sam's Forest Rangers throughout the Central States area worked valiantly along with other forces to aid the stricken communities. Forest Service funds are sufficient now, both in the way of rescue, hundreds of Forest Service planes, the like have been sent to local relief agencies for the use of helpless. The Forest Service portable radio equipment used in these emergencies have proved of incalculable value in this flood emergency. All the Forest Service units will be devoting their best in our lesson: how best to attack the flood problem at its source. It is nothing to restrict emergency crews' power on critical watershed areas, to control the timber crop fires which already not only trees and burn but the young saplings in full forest floor, to bring sound management to all forest lands, which will restore and preserve their maximum value not only to watershed controlled but all productive areas contributing to economic welfare.

While high waters have raged in the central valleys of the Pine Gne National Forest, stalwart values and men remain steadily waiting the snows have given Ranger Jim Bonnivie and his assistant Jerry Quist, something to worry about right now - one.

Today, we awoke at the Pine Gne Ranger Station in the cold morning.



SOUND (OFF - PHONE RINGS ONCE - FADE - RINGS AGAIN)

BESS: Jim -- Jim, wake up.

JIM: (BLEARY) Uh -- What is it, Bess?

SOUND (OFF - PHONE RINGS)

BESS: Wake up. The telephone's ringing.

JIM: Telephone? Uh -

BESS: Yes. Hurry. It must be something important at this hour.

JIM: What time is it?

BESS: Four o'clock.

JIM: (FADING) I've been expecting a call from Millburg all time.

SOUND (OFF - PHONE RINGS)

JIM: (FADE IN) Hello. Pine Cone Ranger Station. Hey, Jack, what is it? -- Millburg? -- Of course we will -- How soon can we start? Right away, Jack. It's just your a.m. -- Pick up Doc Petersen -- You hub. I'll send out a call for volunteers and we'll get over there just as fast as we can. All right. Bye, Doc. (RANGE UP).

BESS: (FADE IN) What is it, Jim?

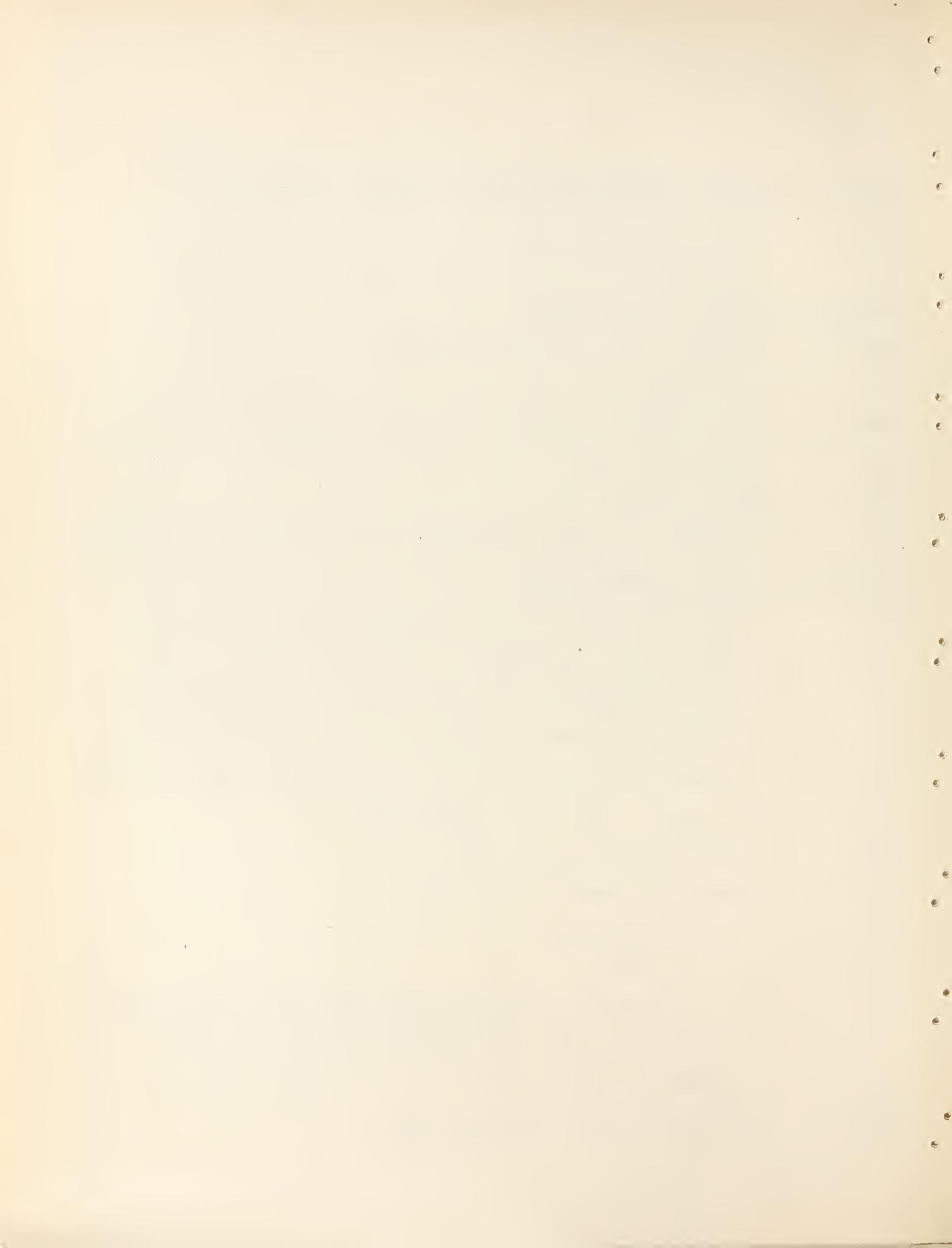
JERRY: (FADE IN) What's wrong, Jim?

JIM: That was Millburg.

BESS: Is it a flood?

JIM: Yes. The water's rising all the time, and they're afraid it's going to bed. They need men and trucks to help evacuate the town.

BESS: How soon are you starting, Jim?



JIM: Right away, Bess - we've gotta get busy. Jerry, call the CCC camp and tell 'em to stand by for an emergency call. Round up all the Forest Service trucks we have on the District and have 'em report to me at Millburg.

JERRY: Right away, Jim

JIM: We'd better take along a couple of our portable radiophones in case the telephone lines've gone out.

JERRY: We've got three SPF kitboxes packed, ready to carry, Jim.

JIM: Good. Put 'em on the truck I'm gonna round up trucks and volunteers here in Winding Creek. We wanna be ready to start in -

BESS: I'm going with you, Jim.

JIM: No, better not, Bess. It'll be hard, men's work and --

BESS: There'll be work there for a woman to do.

JIM: Okay, Bess.

MUSIC: (INTERLUDE)

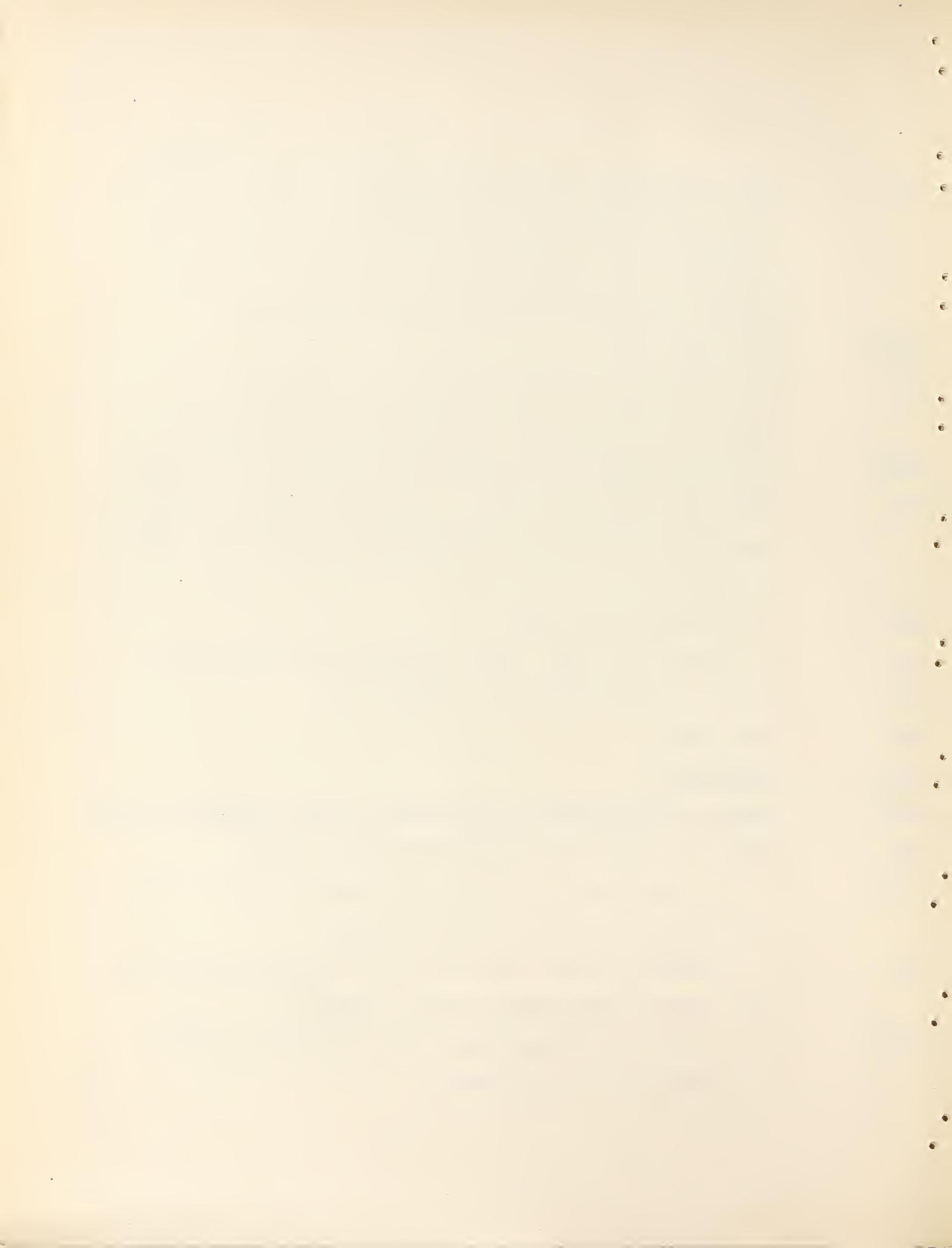
SOUND: (FADE IN CROWD EFFECT IN BACKGROUND WORKS THROUGHOUT SCENE)

JIM: (FADE IN) How's the radiophone working, Jerry?

JERRY: It's all right now. I strung the antenna outside. This church wasn't built for a radio station.

JIM: Or a hospital, either. But it'll do 'till we can get these folks over to Bald Rock and out of danger.

JERRY: Do you want to take over now? I'll help the base carry sick people out to the trucks.



JIM: Sure. Give me the headphones.

JERRY: You can use the speaker.

JIM: No use letting these sick people hear any more about the flood than we can help. If they knew they were being rushed away from here because the dam is in danger, they might get panicky.

DOC: (FADE IN) Can't we get these people out of here faster, Jim? There's no telling how long that dam will hold.

JIM: Doing all we can, Doc. I just got a call through to Willow Glen for more trucks.

DOC: There's several people left here that's mighty sick, Jim. We've got to get them out.

JERRY: We'll get 'em out all right, Doc.

BESS: (FADE IN) Oh, Doctor Peters, come quick. -- They've just brought in a man that's badly hurt.

DOC: Coming, Mrs. Robbins - right away.

TOBY: (CHILD'S VOICE) (FADE IN) Ma'am, have you seen my mother?

BESS: Well, perhaps I have. I don't know. What's her name?

TOBY: Mrs. Colvin, same as mine. Mine's Toby Colvin. I haven't seen Mother since last night, when they took us from our house to bring us here.

BESS: Maybe she got into one of the trucks.

TOBY: I don't know. My Dad told me to take care of her.

BESS: Perhaps the doctor can tell you where she is.

DOC: (TO HIMSELF) Mrs. Colvin -- yes --



TOBY: Do you know where my mother is, sir?

DOC: I haven't time now, son. Get those trucks here as quick as you can, Jim. (FADING) Where's that man that's hurt, Mrs. Roboins?

TOBY: I guess he doesn't know, either. I'll have to hunt some more. If you see her, tell her I'm looking for her, will yuh? (FADING) I ought to find her pretty soon.

JIM: I'll tell 'er, sonny. Did anybody answer your last call Jerry?

JERRY: No, I couldn't get it through.

JIM: I'll try again (BROADCASTING) PF-871 --- PF-871
Calling PF822 - Calling PF822 - What's the situation at the dam? What's it look like at the dam? - Did you get it? Go ahead

JERRY: (FADING) I'll go help get the people into the trucks.

BESS: (COMING UP) Have you heard any more about the dam, Jim?

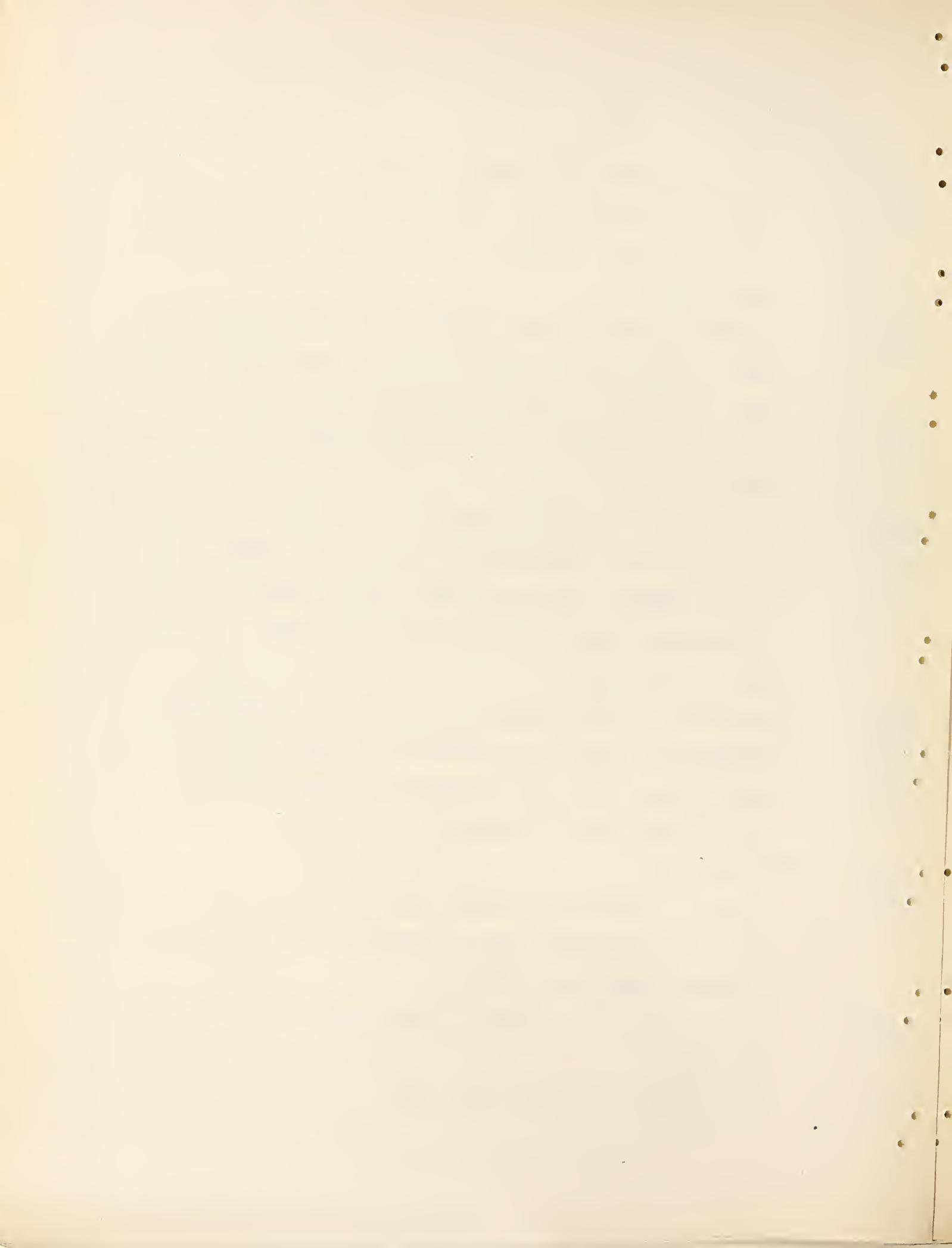
JIM: Sh-h-h quiet, Bess. Report coming in now --- H-O-M
that's worse than I expected.

BESS: What, Jim?

JIM: PF-822 -- that's our lookout man -- I've got him up by the dam with a portable radio -- he reports that the dam is weakening more every minute.

BESS: Oh, Jim, how are we going to get these poor sick folks out of here?

JIM: More trucks are on the way, Bess.



DOC: (FADE IN) You say more trucks are coming?

SIM: Yes.

DOC: About time.

JIM: Boss, you'd better go over to Bald Rock with the next truck. It's not safe here any more.

BESS: But Doctor Peter needs some one here to help him.

DOC: Need you over there now, Mrs. Robbins?

BESS: All right. But how are you going to get across, Jim? You can't stay here if the dam's going to break.

JIM: We'll make it all right, Boss.

DOC: (FADING) Come along, Mrs. Robbins.

BESS: Jim, you'll promise me you won't stay too long.

JIM: Sure, Boss. Better hurry. Doc needs you.

BESS: Jim, I -- Oh, Jim! -- (SOFTLY) All right, Jim -- (FADING) You'll come as soon as you can.

JIM: (SOFTLY) We will, Boss.

TOBY: (FADE IN) Mr. Ranger, why are they taking everybody away in the trucks?

JIM: Well, Toby, they want to get them to a dry place.

TOBY: I see. The water is getting higher on the steps outside. It's almost to the top step now.

JIM: To the top step?

TOBY: That's what I saw it just now.

JIM: You'd better get into a truck, Toby, and go along with the rest of them.

JERRY: But I haven't run out of names yet. (PAUSE) I'll go look
some more.

JERRY: (PAUSE) Jim, The water's rising all the time. Jim,

JIM: Are all the sick people still

JERRY: Only a few more left?

JIM: Having any trouble with them?

JERRY: They're beginning to relax on me. Some of the new patients
kinda spiky.

JIM: (PAUSE) Jim, that messin's coming up pretty fast. I wish
if they can get another truck up here.

JERRY: There's a report comin' through -- They say the

dam appears to be giving 'em just 'bout much longer.

JIM: Well you know it ain't exactly safe down there.

(PAUSING) Well I'm drawed like hell so I guess if we don't
get out of here. (PAUSING)

JIM: Stand by this radio a minute, will you Jerry? I want
check up and see what everybody gets out.

JERRY:

JERRY: (PAUSE) Jim, Have you seen up nothing, either?

JIM: No, I haven't, Tom.

JERRY: But most everybody's gone and I wasn't tied her off with

JERRY: Waylon she went in one of the trucks.

JERRY: I watched them all, but I didn't see her.

JERRY: She's probably missin' or take some makin' for her.



TORY: But she would have sent for me. I've got to find her. My Dad'll be worried if I don't.

JERRY: Well, you go get in the truck, now, and we'll help you find her when we get there. (CALLING) Jim!

JIM: (OFF) Yes, Jerry.

JERRY: Put Toby into the truck with Doc Peters, will you?

JIM: (OFF) You bet, Jerry.

JERRY: Doctor Peters'll see to it that you get there, Toby. Hurry up.

TOBY: (FADING) I'll find her if she's over on Bald Rock.

SOUND: (ROAR OF TRUCK, OFF)

JIM: (COMING UP) Well, everybody's out, Jerry. The truck got away all right.

JERRY: Good.

JIM: It'll be the last one, though. Water's too high for 'em to get in here now.

JERRY: What're we gonna do?

JIM: We'll have to try to make higher ground on foot, Jerry. Have to do some wading, I reckon.

JERRY: I'll say. The water's coming in on the floor already. Look.

JIM: Yep.

JERRY: Gosh, chances don't look so good Jim. If that dam goes out --

JIM: Come on. Let's go.

MUSIC: (INTERLUDE)



SOUND: (ROAR OF WATER AND VULTURES IN BACKGROUND)

VOCES: "Here comes the Repreter! "Come in Repreter!"

VOCES: (DISTANCE SHOUTING) The dam's out. It's broken.
Here come the water.

VOCES: "Here come the water!" "Get on in, Repreter!" "Get on
in!"

OSCAR: (FADING IN) We made it, Jim.

JIM: (FADING IN) You.

OSCAR: Uh, Jim!

JIM: Well all right, Oscar. Kind of a nervous squawk, wasn't it?

VOCES: "Look at that hell of water! The church is almost completely
under everybody gets in!"

JIM: (FADING IN) I think they did, Jim.

JIM: It's a good thing you saved the kids because we're gonna
head back before the dam has time to

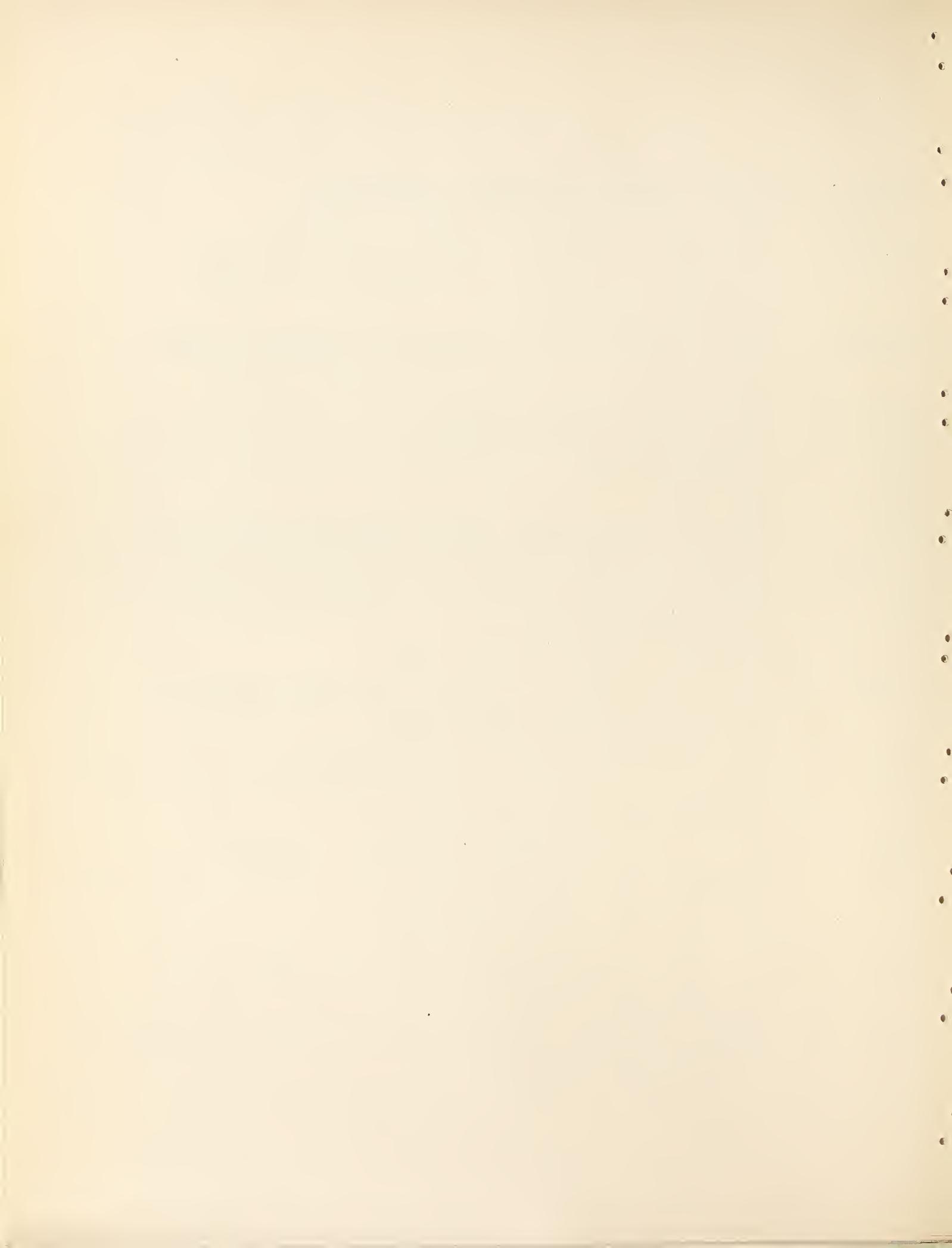
JIM: We've got to move them to town as quickly as we can. This
situation doesn't do us any good.

OSCAR: Look, all you can see of the church is the spire,

VOCES: (FADE IN) Mr. Repreter, have you heard of someone yet? I don't
find him... I've looked everywhere.

JIM: Way, Oscar, you're like with cold. You might be here
something worse has happened.

VOCES: (ALMOST IN FURRY) But I gotten him my mother. My dad told
me to find out about him.



BESS: But you've got to get warm first. She wouldn't want her son to get sick.

TOBY: (SOBBING) But I can't find her.

BESS: (FADING) Well, let's go find a warm blanket to wrap around you.

JIM: Doesn't anybody know where Toby's mother is, Doc?

DOC: Yes.

JIM: (PAUSE) Oh -- Then -- she's --

DOC: Yes. Her body was found this noon.

JIM: I see.

JERRY: (PAUSE) Look at that smoke!

DOC: Listen to it

JERRY: Sounds almost like the roar of a forest fire.

JIM: It is the roar of a forest fire, Doc, in a way. See those naked mountains that surrounded the valley?

DOC: Yep. I remember, Jim, when there was forest all over 'em. There was a big logging town here. That's what started the town of Millburg.



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JAN
and brights were arranged in sheepskins and covered the floor. We sat around this in the hall. There was a piano and violin. The piano was old and in poor condition. The violin was new. The floor was made of wood and the walls were made of stone. The room was very small and there was a fireplace in one corner. There was a chair and a small table in the center of the room. The floor was made of wood and the walls were made of stone. The room was very small and there was a fireplace in one corner. There was a chair and a small table in the center of the room.

DOC

Yeah, Jim, that's the crux of it.

JAN

Yeah, but there's an even greater tragedy. Imagine the amount of flood water that's been deposited. This is just the beginning. We can't stop all the damage, but we can do something. We can attack them at the source, up in the mountains. We can remove vegetation, we can help to slow soil erosion, and give our forests adequate protection. Then perhaps we can stop some of this disaster, the destruction of homes and farms and whole towns, maybe we can stop some of this loss of lives, maybe we can prevent things like this - that little boy should suddenly shout all day looking for someone until never finds.

ANNOUNCEMENT (FINAL)

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